## **Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A method comprising:

creating a filter structure using a parameter of a periodic pulse train, the filter structure having a plurality of time slots, each time slot being associated with a memory value;

receiving a pulse at a time;

incrementing the memory value associated with the time slot corresponding to the time the pulse was received;

filtering the pulse if the memory value exceeds a threshold; and transmitting the pulse to a processor if the memory value does not exceed the threshold.

- 2. (original) The method of claim 1, where the parameter is a time slot width.
- 3. (original) The method of claim 1, where the parameter is a number of time slots.
- 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the filter structure includes a length, and the creating includes using (a) a time slot width and (b) a number of time slots to match the length of the filter structure with a pulse repetition interval of the <u>periodic</u> pulse train.
- 5. (original) The method of claim 1, where the parameter is a modification parameter.

- 6. (original) The method of claim 5, where the modification parameter is the width of a last time slot of the filter structure.
- 7. (original) The method of claim 1, where the parameter is the threshold.
- 8. (original) The method of claim 1, where the filtering includes deleting the pulse.
- 9. (original) A computer readable medium comprising machine readable instructions for: creating a filter structure using a parameter of a periodic pulse train, the filter structure having a plurality of time slots, each time slot being associated with a memory value;

receiving a pulse at a time;

incrementing the memory value associated with the time slot corresponding to the time the pulse was received;

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filtering the pulse if the memory value exceeds a threshold; and transmitting the pulse to a processor if the memory value does not exceed the threshold.

- 10. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 9, where the parameter is a time slot width.
- 11. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 9, where the parameter is a number of time slots.

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- 12. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 9, where the filter structure includes a length, and the creating includes using (a) a time slot width and (b) a number of time slots to match the length of the filter structure with a pulse repetition interval of the periodic pulse train.
- 13. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 9, where the parameter is a modification parameter.
- 14. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, where the modification parameter is the width of a last time slot of the filter structure.
- 15. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 9, where the parameter is the threshold.
- 16. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 9, where the filtering includes deleting the pulse.
- 17. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

an input filter;

a pulse detection circuit coupled to the input filter;

a periodic pulse filter coupled to the pulse detection circuit, the periodic pulse filtering eireuit operable to:

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use a parameter to create a filter structure, the filter structure having a plurality of time slots, each time slot being associated with a memory value;

receive a pulse at a time;

increment the memory value associated with the time slot corresponding to the time the received pulse arrived, and

filter the pulse if the memory value exceeds a threshold; and a pulse queuing and transmission circuit coupled to the periodic pulse filter.

- 18. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising an analog-to-digital converter coupled to the input filter.
- 19. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a processor coupled to the pulse queuing and transmission circuit.

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